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## **Madison resident tapped for HSAWG**

J.W. Ledbetter, Homeland Security Advisor for Governor Phil Bryant and Executive Director for the Mississippi Office of Homeland Security, has been appointed to the Executive Committee of the State, Local, Tribal, and Territorial Government Coordinating Council (SLTTGCC) as Chairman for the Homeland Security Advisors Working Group (HSA-WG).

The SLTTGCC serves as a forum to ensure that state, local, and tribal homeland security partners are fully integrated as active participants in national critical infrastructure efforts, and to provide an organizational structure to coordinate across jurisdictions on state and local government-level critical infrastructure guidance and strategies.

The HSA Working Group is intended to serve as a communication pathway for strategic communications between the SLTTGCC and State Homeland Security Advisors.

A resident of Madison County, Ledbetter also serves as Chairman of the Critical Infrastructure Protection Committee for the Governors Homeland Security Advisors Council (GHSAC).

A graduate of the University of Southern Mississippi, Ledbetter has a degree in criminal justice and is a certified law enforcement officer in the state of Mississippi.

He is also an Agro Terrorism Master Trainer. Ledbetter served for twelve years in the Madison County Sheriff's Office as Deputy Sheriff, Criminal Investigator, and Dive Team Leader.

He also worked for twelve years in the Mississippi Gaming Commission as Director of Enforcement, Director of Investigations, Director of Intelligence, and Director of Criminal Investigations.

Ledbetter served as Statewide Emergency Response Coordinator before being appointed in 2006 to his current position with the MOHS.

The Mississippi Office of Homeland Security is a division of the Mississippi Department of Public Safety.

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